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Meeting of Board of Directors

The Board of Directors at their semi-annual meeting, held at the Sherman Hotel in Chicago, Friday, December 4, approved the recommendations of the Finance and Executive Committees to the incoming Board that the dues for 1926 be reduced at least to one-third of a cent per case, adopted a resolution that a Canned Foods Week be held in 1926, decided not to hold a food exhibit in conjunction with the annual convention at Louisville, and acted upon a number of other matters of interest to the Association and the canning industry.

In opening the meeting, President Trego briefly outlined the work of the Association since the meeting of the Board in May, and the Secretary then presented a detailed report of the Association's activities.

Walter J. Townsend, President of the National Food Brokers Association, presented a resolution for consideration by the Board, which was referred to a committee with Harry P. Strasbaugh as chairman, to report not later than the meeting of the Board at Louisville.

The Board gave its approval to all the recommendations of the Finance and Executive Committees, which besides proposing a reduction of dues, recommended—

"That all traffic problems, either national or otherwise, for which the assistance of the National Canners Association is desired by its members, be referred to the executive officers of the Association with power to act.

"That a resolution be passed by the Board of Directors requesting the President of the National Canners Association to appoint a committee to confer with the Bureau of Chemistry for the purpose of bringing about further cooperative measures to

prevent defective or unwholesome food products going into consumption."

In the resolution adopted by the Board that a Canned Foods Week be held in 1926 it was recommended that canners be solicited to contribute on a basis of $1 per thousand cases and that the launching of the campaign be contingent on the raising of approximately $60,000 from the canners. The Board also authorized the publication of a report on the 1925 Canned Foods Week, and adopted a resolution that the Canned Foods Week Committee be requested to work with the committee representing distributors, supply men, brokers and others interested in Canned Foods Week for the purpose of devising a publicity plan which would call particular attention to the better quality of canned foods.

The decision not to hold a food exhibit at the Louisville convention was based on the lack of interest as revealed by the small number of applications for space received and in prospect. The Board also voted unanimously that the Association as an organization would not make an exhibit at the Sesqui-Centennial at Philadelphia, but with the express understanding that this action is in no way to be considered as discouraging either State Associations or individual canners from making an exhibit.

Following approval of the report submitted by Laurence Meulendyke, Chairman of the Committee on Seed Contracts, the Board requested that Mr. Meulendyke send copies of the report to the secretaries of all State associations, inviting them to bring this important subject to the attention of their membership.

Dr. W. E. Elwell, Chairman of the Committee on Standardization of Tin Plate, presented a report of the committee's activities, and was extended the thanks of the Board for the committee's work.

The Department of Commerce is asked, in a resolution adopted by the Board, to make a compilation of the laws of foreign countries affecting imported foods. This action was taken in view of the increasing competition and the strict supervision being exercised over the imports of canned foods into some foreign countries.

The supervision of raw materials by state food officials was discussed, and a committee, with Jay D. Fuller as chairman, was appointed to consider the subject and report at the next meeting of the Board.

The past practice with regard to the allotment of rooms for the annual convention was endorsed in the Board's approval

of the method by which room assignments are made for members of the National Canners Association first and remaining reservations are alloted to any who might desire them.

The Directors present were: Ed. F. Trego, President, presiding; E. E. Chase, California, First Vice-President, and L. S. Argall, Joseph F. Barker, John G. M. Barnes, John L. Baxter, Henry B. Bird, L.L.Brotherton, Royal F. Clark, Joseph W. Deniger, Geo. E. Diament, Robert Dickinson, G. R. Garretson, Arthur Hamilton, H. H. Hankins, Roy W. Hemingway, Ira Hutchings, Millard W. Jones, William McEwing, Laurence Meulendyke, H. L. Morris, Roy Nelson, B. C. Nott, J. Newman Numsen, Herbert G. Pressing, W. F. Rudiger, John S. Souder, W. B. Stokeley, Jr., Harry P. Strasbaugh, Chas. G. Summers, Jr., Wm. H. Taylor, Clarence L. Turmail, Frank H. Van Eenwyk, F. Hall Wrightson, Chas. A. Yunker.

Reduced Railroad Rates to Louisville Convention

Practically all the passenger associations have granted reduced rates of a fare and one-half for the round trip to Louisville for the Annual Convention of the National Canners Association the week of January 25. Tickets will be sold on the identification certificate plan. Members of the Association will be advised later as regards the date of ticket sales, return time limits, etc.

Have You Asked for Room Reservations?

Some members of the Association have not yet asked for their room reservations at the Louisville Convention. The number of rooms available is limited, and it is important that members expecting to attend should get in their requests. By order of the Board of Directors, members of the Association will be taken care of first in the reservation of rooms, and to do this it is necessary for us to have their applications as quickly as possible.

Research Laboratory for Pacific Coast and Hawaii

With the purchase of a three-story building on Battery Street in San Francisco, plans for the research laboratory of the National Canners Association in California have taken definite form, and the laboratory will soon be in operation.

The building is well adapted for the purpose, and with some alterations will provide adequate space and convenient arrangement for the equipment to be installed.

Spread of Japanese Beetle Limited

According to the Department of Agriculture, the spread of the Japanese beetle during the summer of 1925 has been the smallest, proportionately, of any year on record. The Bureau of Entomology reports that in Pennsylvania only one beetle was found in the open beyond the present quarantine limits.

Supreme Court Sustains Alaska Tax on Salmon Canning

The U. S. Supreme Court has affirmed the judgment of the Circuit Court of Appeals in the case of the Pacific American Fisheries vs the Territory of Alaska.

In this case the Territory of Alaska brought suit to recover from the Pacific American Fisheries taxes alleged to be due upon salmon packed in four canneries, these taxes being imposed by an act of 1923. The Pacific American Fisheries contended that the taxing act was contrary to the Act of Congress of August 24, 1912, creating a legislative assembly in Alaska and also contrary to the Constitution of the United States. Judgment was awarded the Territory of Alaska in the original court and this was affirmed by the Circuit Court of Appeals. The Supreme Court, acting on the appeal of the Pacific American Fisheries from the Circuit Court's decision, has now affirmed the judgment of that court.

Car Loadings

Revenue freight loadings during the week ending November 28 totaled 923,213 cars, a decrease of 134,461 cars under the previous week, due to the observance of Thanksgiving. It was an increase, however, of 44,082 cars over the corresponding week of the preceding year.

Supends Proposed Changes in Canned Fish Freight Rates

The Interstate Commerce Commission by an order in Docket No. 2555, has suspended from December 7, 1925, until April 6, 1926, the operation of certain schedules proposing to cancel through rates on canned fish and sardines, in carloads, from St. Andrews, New Brunswick and certain stations in Maine to destination in Kansas and Missouri, via rail-water and rail through the Gulf ports, and to apply combination rates in lieu thereof. The effect of the proposed change would be, for example, to increase the rate per 100 pounds, Bar Harbor, Maine, to Wichita, Kansas, from $1.14 to $1.39½.